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2. MACCORDS STATUS REPORTS ON RESULTS OF TESTING IN THE FOUR SELECTED PROVINCES AND EFFORTS AT EVALUATING THE PROGRAM WOULD BE CONSIDERED VALUABLE HERE, AS WOULD YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE MERITS OF THE NEW PLAN AS RESULTS BEGIN TO COME IN. END OF MESSAGE

